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SUBJECT: (C/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX ON ENERGY INTERESTS,  
PUTIN-BERLUSCONI LINK (C-RE9-02730)  
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1. (C/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX told us during a February 4 lunch that his Embassy and his Foreign Ministry often only learn of conversations between F

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2. (C/NF) In response to our comment that ENI's Moscow Representative, Ernesto Ferlenghi, won't meet with us, XXXXXXXXXXXX said Ferlenghi "for  
3. (C/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX said the Italian Embassy is organizing a visit by a trade and investment delegation to Novy Urengoi, the Yamal region c

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4. (C/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX also noted that ENI XXXXXXXXXXXX and "we" (presumably the Italian government) have regular contact with Russian DPM ar

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5. (C/NF) On major issues, it seems that Russian-Italian  
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economic relations are directed by PMs who have a direct line to each other as well as control over some of the largest assets of their respect